

## Getting A Name/Gender Marker Change in Texas (& LGBTQ+ Resources)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is no longer changing gender markers on driver's licenses or state IDs except for "clerical errors."

DPS will no longer accept court orders for gender marker corrections OR orders for a name change which includes a gender marker correction.

Attempting to change your gender marker via court order at DPS will result in the agency collecting a copy of your order, but no change to your identifying document.

([Source](#))

You may contact the creator of this doc via [my.kittymail.3@gmail.com](mailto:my.kittymail.3@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need assistance with any of the information. (Kitty, they/he)

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NOTE: These resources will have you file your name/gender marker change through Travis County. This is not a mistake, it is intentional. Travis County has some of the highest rates of approval in the state, and everything can be filed completely remotely.

There are pages that may insist you must file in your own county. This is not true, **you can legally file with Travis County.**

## Starting the Name Change Process

1. Prepare materials for Petition

- a. Fingerprints (for gender marker change ONLY): You'll need to get fingerprinted for your **gender marker** correction. You can get fingerprinted at IdentoGo by clicking the link for "Fingerprint Card" at the bottom of this page to search for locations and make an appointment: <https://www.identogo.com/locations/texas>.
  - b. Letter of Support: You will need a notarized letter of support from your provider.
  - c. Criminal history: If you have ever been arrested before, you will also need to request a State History Check because we will need to declare your criminal history to the court. You can request a State History Check also at IdentoGo by requesting a Texas Personal Review – Full Review: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/>
2. Name and Gender Marker court forms from the Travis County Law Library
  - a. These are the forms you'll fill in to send to the court.
3. Statement of Inability to Pay Costs
  - a. This is the form you'll use to ask the court to waive the \$350 filing fee.
  - b. NOTE: Even though I'm giving you advice, I'm not currently representing you. Under Question 2 where the form asks "Are you represented by Legal Aid?" you should check the box for "I am not represented by legal aid. I did not apply for representation by legal aid."
4. E-Filing: After all of your forms are prepared and you have all of your documents, the e-filing instructions will explain how to submit your documents to the Travis County District Court electronically. Resources to guide you through this are below.
  - a. Instructions from the University of Texas School of Law – Gender Affirmation Project: [PDF Link](#)
  - b. E-filing instructions from the Transgender Law Center: [Video Link](#)
5. Name and Gender Marker Change Guide
  - a. Once you get your court order, this Guide (linked below) will walk you through how to use it to update each of your IDs.

**The documents for these are linked below.**

[ALL DOCUMENTS](#) (Google Drive links)

Includes:

- [Gender marker and name change guide](#)
- [Gender and name change kit](#)
- [Statement of inability to pay court fees](#)
- [E-filing instructions](#)

The Texas Law Library also has a guide for Name and Gender Marker corrections: [Adults - Name Changes in Texas - Guides at Texas State Law Library](#)

## Changing Your Legal Documents

Refer to this once your name change has been approved by the judge.

Next steps:

1. Contact the District Clerks' office by phone or online. **For reference, your Cause No. will be on the signed GM order.** It will be located at the top in the space dedicated for the cause number.
  - a. Call the clerk at the District Clerk's Office at (512) 854-9457 to ask for 5 certified copies of the order. They may still charge a few dollars per copy even though you have a Statement of Inability to Afford Court Costs on file. Make sure to mention that document is on file.
  - b. You can also purchase certified copies online at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/district-clerk/records-request>

What to fill out when purchasing copies online:

- i) Write your new name in the name field, not your old name.
  - ii) Requesting Document Information
  - iii) Civil Documents or Criminal Documents - Civil
  - iv) Which document(s) are needed? - Final Judgment/Decree/Dismissal
  - v) Does this document copy need to be certified? - Yes
  - vi) Does this document copy need to have a certificate? - No
  - vii) Are you exempt from payment? - Yes (You have a Statement of Inability to Pay on file)
  - viii) Delivery Method - Mail OR Hold for Pick-up (Most agencies you will need this order for, to update your information, will require a 'wet' stamp, so do not select email copy)
  - ix) Other Information/Instructions - If you want more than one copy, type that information here. i.e. - 'I would like five copies of my final order'
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- Use these certified copies to order new versions of your SSA card, DL, and Birth Certificate.

[Texas Legal Services Center: How to Change Names on Documents](#)

## Other Resources

### [US Trans Passport FAQ](#)

### Low Income Legal Aid

- [TLSC Legal Aid Map](#)
- [Trans Legal Aid Clinic TX](#)
- [UT Law Gender Affirmation Clinic](#)

### Gender-Affirming Surgery and Resources

- [Crane Center for Transgender Surgery](#)
- [Surgeons with High/No BMI Limit](#)
- [Gender Neutral Bathroom Locator](#)

### [Kind Clinic](#): Gender Affirming Care in Texas

The Kind Clinic offers a variety of valuable resources for transgender patients seeking accessible and affordable gender affirming healthcare in Texas, including:

- Access to HRT at little to no cost, with or without insurance
- Assistance with name changes (for patients)
- Assistance with gender affirming surgeries (for patients)
- Other resources such as PrEP, PEP, HIV care, STI treatment and testing, and intersex care.

#### NOTES ABOUT THE KIND CLINIC:

I have received my gender affirming care primarily through the Kind Clinic in Dallas. If you have any questions about what it's like, whether it's worth it, etc., please feel free to contact me!

- I only had to go in person 2 times. Everything past your consultation (which is free) and initial checkup can be done entirely remotely. Because of this, I found the travel to the clinic to be worth it even if it was a little out of the way.
- With insurance, I have not paid a single dollar for my HRT. A friend of mine without insurance pays around \$35-\$60 a refill.
- Once you have your consultation, you will most likely begin HRT that same day. Yes, really!